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SUBJ: VISIT OF CAMEROON PRIME MINISTER

1. CAMEROON PRIME MINISTER PAUL BIYA LED LARGELY ECONOMIC
DELEGATION ON VISIT TO EGYPT NOVEMBER 1-8, 1977 AT
PRIMIN SALIM'S INVITATION. VISIT NOT ACCORDED PARTICULAR
PROMINENCE ALTHOUGH IT DID MANAGE TO MAKE FRONT PAGE ON
MOST DAYS. BIYA MET WITH SADAT ONCE.

2. CAMEROON FOCUS WAS LARGELY ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.
IN INITIAL TALKS WITH SALIM, TWO SIDES DECIDED
FORM COMMITTEES TO DRAFT ECONOMIC, TRADE AND CULTURAL
AGREEMENTS. ON NOVEMBER 5, SIGNING OF TWO DOCUMENTS
WAS ANNOUNCED. FIRST WAS AGREEMENT TO INCREASE TRADE
EXCHANGES. ACCORDING GOE MINISTER OF TRADE, EGYPT WILL
EXPORT SALT WORTH 3 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1978 AND WILL
IMPORT UNSPECIFIED AMOUNTS OF COCOA, LEATHER, TIMBER AND
RICE. ALSO SIGNED PROTOCOL TO PROMOTE CULTURAL, TECHNICAL
AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BE
FORMED TO MEET PERIODICALLY IN CAIRO AND YAOUNDE TO FOLLOW
UP IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCORDS.

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3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 8 WAS UNEXCEPTIONAL.
TWO SIDES AFFIRMED NEED TO CONVENE GENEVA CONFERENCE
WITHOUT DELAY WITH PARTICIPATION OF PLO, DENOUNCED
"DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES IN JERUSALEM AND OCCUPIED ARAB
TERRITORIES", ASSERTED NECESSITY OF TOTAL ISRAELI WITH-
DRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND OF RESTORATION OF

LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. TWO SIDES ALSO EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN TOWARDS AFRICAN DISPUTES "WHICH ARE ENCOURAGED BY FOREIGN INTERVENTION" AND CALLED FOR SETTLEMENT OF AFRICAN PROBLEMS "FREE FROM ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION."

4. SALIM ACCEPTED OFFICIAL INVITATION TO VISIT CAMEROON, DATE TO BE SET LATER.

5. COMMENT: VISIT SEEMED LARGELY CEREMONIAL ALTHOUGH IT DID BURNISH IMAGE OF AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR ARAB POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST AND RENEWED MUTUAL ASSURANCES OF COOPERATION AGAINST SOVIET MACHINATIONS IN AFRICA. IF NOTHING MORE. GOE DEMONSTRATED THAT, IN MIDST OF DEEP PREOCCUPATION WITH ME CRISIS, IT STILL HAS TIME FOR ITS CHERISHED AFRICAN CONNECTION.
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